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In re Patent Application of: Tetsunori MITSUOKA et al.

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## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated November 28, 2008, finally rejecting claims 1-23, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 4 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.